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CALTRANS AWARDS GRANT MONEY TO LOCAL GROUPS

Eureka – Caltrans is pleased to announce the award of Transportation Planning Grants for the 2007-08 fiscal year. One group in Humboldt County, and two in Mendocino County, will receive a total of \$421,873 in grant funding which was applied for and awarded on a competitive basis.

The Transportation Planning Grant program complements the Governor's Strategic Growth Plan for transportation, which reduces congestion below today's levels while accommodating future transportation needs from growth in the population and the economy. The Governor's Strategic Growth Plan incorporates GoCalifornia, a plan designed to decrease congestion, improve travel times, and increase safety.

Humboldt County Department of Public Works and Redwood Community Action Agency will receive \$209,000 for their "Healthy Rural Roads II Project." This project will address specific transportation challenges faced by underserved rural populations with service planning and development of a "Healthy Rural Roads Guide."

Mendocino Council of Governments will receive \$120,000 for their "Gualala Community Action Plan." This project will seek public input to help develop a downtown streetscape, parking, and circulation plan. This plan will be consistent with other local plans, the Gualala Town Plan, and the California Coastal Trail Plan.

Round Valley Tribes and Round Valley Indian Health Center will receive \$92,873 for their "Round Valley Tribes Walk/Bike Paths and Library/Town Center Planning Project." This project will plan for bicycle and walking paths into Covelo, and create a plan for a town center in Covelo to assist economic development and revitalization. The project proponents applied for this grant after meeting with representatives from the Caltrans Office of Community Planning.

Transportation Planning Grants are intended to promote strong and healthy communities, economic growth, and protection of our environment. In accepting these grants, these groups agree to be a partner with Caltrans in our common mission to improve mobility and the quality of life in California.

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